

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification on Page 4 by amending the bottom paragraph in lines 18 to 30 to read as follows:

--If knocking of the internal combustion engine occurs, the seismic mass 3 realized in the form of an annular part is acted upon by the spring washer 4 and thusly stimulated. This causes the seismic mass to exert a corresponding load upon the spring washer 4 such that a corresponding voltage change occurs in the DLC layer 5 applied onto the spring washer 4. This voltage change is transmitted to an evaluation electronic via the electric lines 6 and evaluated therein. In order to realize a telemetric transmission, the measuring signals originating from the layer 5 can be transmitted by means of a telemetric signal tap, or a transponder 11 that is arranged on the component in question together with the DLC layer 5. Conventional transmission cables and their connecting means can be eliminated by utilizing this customary transmission principle.--